

NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD
Conference Call
Minutes

A special meeting of the Natural Resources Board via telephone conference call was held Wednesday, December 15, 2004, in Room 774B of the State Natural Resources Building (GEF 2), 101 South Webster Street, Madison, Wisconsin.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gerald O'Brien at 9:30 a.m.

Participating Board Members:

Gerald M. O'Brien, Chair (Stevens Point)
Howard D. Poulson, Vice-Chair (Palmyra)
Jonathan P. Ela, Secretary (Madison)
Herbert F. Behnke (Shawano)
Stephen D. Willett (Phillips)
Christine L. Thomas (Stevens Point)

Absent

John Welter

1. Approval of the budget cover letter

Mr. O'Brien stated the purpose of the meeting was to approve a cover letter written by the chairman and Department staff to be sent to the Governor explaining the Board's position on two matters of personnel cuts and CWD. The letter has circulated around to the different board members. There have been some revisions.

Mr. Ela suggested a minor grammatical change.

Mr. Ela MOVED, seconded by Mr. Willett to approve the letter.

Dr. Thomas suggested another minor grammatical change.

Mr. Behnke MOVED, seconded by Mr. Poulson to approve the letter with the grammatical changes suggested. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ela read a resolution addressed to the Board from the Burial Sites Preservation Board of the Wisconsin Historical Society that commends the Board for a land acquisition in Richland County.

Mr. Willett suggested the resolution be given to the Communication and Education Bureau for a press release.

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.